

what happened to the press that would ensure that our government is accountable. That would ensure all decisions by either party were critiqued. What happened when we truly had responsible journalism and the media was a true source of current events.

I feel in the last 4 years that we have government backed propaganda in the media. The media is pushing the same rhetoric that we denounced in the Soviet Union, China and Germany of WWII.

The media and government have a responsibility to be independent of each other. The media in particular should not be partial to either campaign. And if air time is allotted for one perspective then equal time should also be given to the other party. Or do we truly live in a country that no longer plays by the rules. And are candidates and corporations going to be allowed to win at all costs. If so. We are no better than the terrorists we seek to destroy. Because this is terrorism of the airwaves and it must be stopped.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.